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**Fake railway tickets**

1949. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA; PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA;

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of cases of fake railway tickets detection during the last three years alongwith the names of the stations; and

(b) what is the number of cases in which the railway employees were involved and the action taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) A total of 39 cases of fake railway tickets were detected during the last three years. The names of the stations where these cases were detected are given below:—

Allahabad, Bir Shibpur, Bombay, Chhapra, Coimbatore, Dhanauri, Faizabad, Farrukhabad City Booking Agency, Firozabad City Booking Agency, Gaya, Gonda, Gorakhpur, Guwahati, Howrah, Jaunpur, Kalyan, Kanpur, Kolaghat, Kota, Madras, Methi Tikur, Mughal Sarai, Pune, Ratlam, Secunderabad, Sultanpur, Surat, Tundla, Ugu and Varanasi.

(b) 19 Railway employees were either involved Or suspected to be involved in 14 cases out of 39 cases detected. 5 employees have been dismissed from service arid criminal/departmental proceedings are in pro-gress against the rest.

**Drug for the treatment of River Blindness**

1950. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government are aware of a new "Miracle drug" for the treatment of "River Blindness"; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to supply the drug to people in the affected areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE); (a) Yes, Sir. A news item about this appeared in the Press.

(b) No area of our country is affected by this disease.

**Requirements of civil pilots**

1951. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIA-TION be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that country needs a good number of civil pilots;

(b) if so, what is the likely requirements of civil pilots by the end of 1987, 1988 and 1989;

(fc) the details of the plan to ensure that the required number of trained pilots are made available; and

(d) whether Government propose to set up a joint institute for the selection of prospective pilots for various national airlines, where the latest machines are available to test their physical endurance and aptitude?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The likely requirement of the civil pilots for the various national airlines is as under:—

| : Name of Airlines | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Air India | 36 | 22 | 32 |
| Indian Airlines | 60 | 100 | 60 |
| Vayudoot Limited (Already appointed[1]* | 46 | 33 | 42 |
| Pavan Hans Limited 34 | | 38 | |